

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A porous metal structure body which is enveloped in a cast light metal alloy member, wherein the cast light metal alloy member is a bearing portion of an internal combustion engine and wherein the porous metal structure body reinforces the bearing portion, formed by molding a mixed powder containing a metallic powder into a prescribed shape followed by sintering, which comprises the prescribed shape having a single cavity or dispersed plural cavities in an inner portion with a maximum thickness of 6 mm or less at a surface portion side thereof, and a portion other than the cavities having a porosity of 20 to 50% by volume.

Claim 2. (Original) The porous metal structure body according to Claim 1, wherein the metallic powder sintered body having a porosity of more than 50% by volume is formed in the cavity by being monolithically integrated with the porous metal structure body.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A light metal alloy member, wherein the light metal alloy member is a bearing portion of an internal combustion engine, comprising a porous metal structure body enveloped in the light metal alloy by casting and reinforcing the bearing portion, said porous metal structure body being formed by molding a mixed powder containing a metallic powder into a prescribed shape followed by sintering, which comprises the prescribed shape having a single cavity or dispersed plural cavities in an inner portion with a maximum thickness of 6 mm or less at a surface portion side thereof, and a portion other than the cavities having a porosity of 20 to 50% by volume.

Claims 4-9. (Canceled)